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CONSTRUCTION OF GLIDERS

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Action Group (Aktionsgemeinschaft) VEB Nagema - Schmiedeberg

This enterprise has been in existence since 1 August 1950. It was established by the Central Council of the FDJ (Free German Youth), in order to construct the gliders required by the glider clubs of the FDJ. This enterprise is the only one of its kind in the GDR. At present it employs 60 workers, of whom about 10 are technicians.

At first the factory manufactured the "Zogling" (a total of 5 models) and the SG-38 (a total of 80-85 models). However, this production was stopped at the end of 1951, and the production of the Grunau Baby was started immediately (1951 - 30 units, 1952 - 40 units). A new model, the Patriot, was developed by the chief of the enterprise. There are no blueprints of it available since it was specially built for the IV Parliament [sic]. See "Junge Welt" 4 June 1952.

Personnel:

Reinecke, Ernst - 35 yrs., engineer, chief of enterprise, glider pilot, see "Junge Welt" op.cit.

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Guckel, Herbert - 32 yrs., from Schlesien; glider constructor; with Nagema since early 1951; chief foreman;

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Of the workers, 10 or 15 are trained glider builders, mostly older men. The remainder are boys 18 -25 years, most of them carpenters and machinists, who are being trained as glider builders.

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Wages are good. Average 1.60 - 1.70 DM per hour.

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